

# 2006 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame Inductees



## SKI MEISTER

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## Chairman's Letter

by Scott Ulbrich



Seasons greetings and welcome to the Winter Edition of the 2006 Ski Meister. I am proud to serve as President of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation. I heartily thank our hard working board of trustees, our staff and docents, and all of our loyal members for their support.

I am pleased to report that we are experiencing a fabulous response to our membership drive and have exceeded the membership numbers compared to the 2005 drive.

This year one of our board's goals was to balance the 2006 budget – which we achieved. This achievement was primarily due to generous donations from the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney Foundation, the Janet Q. Lawson Foundation, museum members and from grants the foundation received. We have worked hard to reduce day-to-day operational expenditure without compromising the quality of the museum. Our cash position is solid with two endowment investment accounts as anchors. Our Executive Director, Connie Nelson, works tirelessly on grant applications, and marketing strategies to ensure that we are properly funded and interesting to our visitors. Thanks Connie!

Another 2006 goal was to increase our visibility and attract more visitors to the museum. Toward this goal, we have enhanced our website - www. engenmuseum.org . We now can keep visitors informed and entertained in a timely manner with regular news updates, video sections and a Museum Store. To add clout to our visibility our facility also received the 2006 Best of State Award in the Museum category. In addition, we have partnered with the Utah Olympic Park in a variety of marketing strategies that seem to be providing great benefit.

Our relationship with the Utah Athletic Foundation (UAF) remains strong. The UAF hired a new CEO/President, Colin Hilton, in May, 2006. Colin has a history in Park City working for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 and more recently at the Park City Municipal Corporation as Economic Development Director. Colin and his board of directors are committed to strengthening the long-term viability of the UAF through increased tourism – and all that benefits the Museum and the Utah Olympic Park.

With the 2006-2007 ski season upon us, I hope everyone enjoys our storied Utah powder. If you choose to enjoy it by skiing near-by Park City, The Canyons or Deer Valley, stop in and see us! I look forward to seeing you at the Alf Engen Ski Museum.

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Marv Melville, Mike Korologos, at the awards dinner.

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Cory Reddish,

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Cal McPhie.

## **Greetings from the Executive Director**

By Connie Nelson

Happy Ski Season! Let it snow....let it snow! This is the time of year to be thankful and we certainly have a lot to be thankful for this year.

Our museum is thriving. I am thrilled to report that **visitations** have increased by **19.5 percent over 2005**. We recorded 181,061 visitors during 2005/2006 compared to 151,512 during 2004/2005.

I sincerely thank the president of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation, Scott Ulbrich, and the board of trustees for being so supporting and offering a wealth of ideas. I am honored to work with such talented and compassionate people.

Our **Education Program** has been refined, has grown appreciably and is thriving thanks to our Education Committee and the wonderful docents who run the program. This year the museum hosted students from 26 schools accounting for more than **1,500 students**, **parents and teachers** who toured our facility. This success is made possible through grants received from Summit County Recreation, Arts & Parks tax grant, the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation and the Underdog Foundation. Through their support we were able to offer each school a free field trip, including bus transportation, Utah Olympic Park entrance fee and docent support.

In an effort to keep our museum vibrant, we have added a **new exhibit** and changed the **rotating exhibit** in the foyer. The new exhibit highlights vintage ski photos from the 1930s-1950s by photographer Ray Atkeson. The rotating exhibit features 2006 Winter Olympic Games "local heroes" Ted Ligety, Stephen Cook and Stephani Victor. We also updated the Professional Ski Instructors Association award wall in collaboration with PSIA (in particular – Keith Lange and Clarke Parkinson).

The museum also has completed Phase II of its **website** update, thanks to the hard work of our Website Committee and Central Point Systems. Visitors to the site can now enjoy video clips highlighting various features associated with our Museum.



We were also excited to report the opening of our Museum Store on the website featuring the Ray Atkeson photos, ski books that are for sale as well as a variety of ski related items. Please visit www. engenmuseum.org and see all of the enhancements.

In keeping with our mission, "To preserve the rich history of skiing in the Intermountain Region", we inducted six ski pioneers into the museum's **Will & Jean Pickett Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame** (see pages 6-8). Thanks to Barbara Yamada (chair) and the rest of the Hall of Fame Committee for dedicating hours of preparation time to ensure all nominations were well-screened and all attendees to the awards banquet enjoyed a memorable evening.

Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation **members** continue to be the foundation of our resounding success and achievement. Thank you to the returning members as well as the new members. We truly appreciate your support. If you have not had a chance to send in your membership materials, we have included a form in this newsletter. Your support is appreciated and valued.

Hope to see you at the Quinney Center soon - bring the whole family!

## **Foundation News**

## Meet a member of the Board

Little did I know when I moved to Utah in 1984 for better ski training at Rowmark Ski Academy that I would end up living in Park City, married with children some 23 years later. Coming here when I was 16, all I had on my mind was ski racing and the US Ski Team. I competed for the US Ski Team for 10 years throughout the United States and Europe and along the way, I also won 3 US National Championships. My college education, a small retail coffee business, and starting a family

## Kristi Terzian Cumming

have consumed the last 10 years. In 2003, I was honored to join the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board. Every year at our inductee dinner, I am amazed by the ski pioneers who came before me. These individuals truly had competitive spirit and passion for snow sports.



Kristi Terzian Cumming



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## INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME

## Making Connections at the 2006 Ski Hall of Fame - by Joe Arave

It was about bringing people together and honoring skiing greatness. The 2006 Hall of Fame provided a great venue for reconnecting long time friends and family members. They were there to rally around and honor six Intermountain skiing legends, but they also reconnected with friends and family members whom they hadn't seen in years, and in some cases, decades.

Cal McPhie and his wife Dodie, early ski area developers, were joined by their son and his wife, three granddaughters, and the in-laws. Then there were the Reddishes. Numerous family members including Jack's daughter Cory, and friends came to pay tribute to Jack Reddish, arguable the greatest American skier of his day.

"It was perfect, it really was," said Dee Jennings of the evening organized to honor the accomplishments of her late husband Dev and other Intermountain skiing greats. Dee, who came from New Hampshire and three of their children, including a son and daughter-in-law who flew in from Canada, attended the event. The entire Jennings family also took advantage of the event and used the occasion to gather for a wonderful week of visiting and catching up at Deer Valley.

Marv Melville and his wife Renee were accompanied by their three daughters and sons-in-law. Marv was also able to reconnect with some long-time friends, including Jack Reddish's younger brother Mike, and Bill Bennett, a school mate from many years ago. The three talked about old times and recalled the glory days when they were all members of the Granite High Ski Team.

It was a grand evening full of warmth and laughter as six skiing greats received well-deserved accolades from an admiring crowd. In case you missed the festivities, here are some highlighted accomplishments of the guests of honor.

#### H Devereaux "Dev" Jennings

- Competed in the Harriman Cup, Reno's Silver Belt, and the U.S. National Championships.
- A member of the 1947 University of Utah National Championship Ski Team.
- Finished 45th among 102 racers in the downhill competition of the 1948 Olympic Winter Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland.
- Served as a rifle squad leader and rock climbing instructor for the famed10th Mountain Division.
- A member of the Aspen and Colorado State University ski teams.
- Executive Director of Ski Utah from 1961-1970.
- Executive Director of Ski New England from 1975-1995.
- Inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1989
- Honored as a "Legend of Skiing Competition" by the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Ski Archives in 1992.

#### Calvin "Cal" McPhie

- In 1950 Cal purchased Little Mountain, a ski area at the summit of Emigration Canyon.
- Little Mountain was the first area to offer night skiing, operating nightly and daily on weekends. They sold a 15-ride pass for 50 cents, a night pass for \$1, and a weekend day pass for \$1.50.



- After Little Mountain was destroyed by fire in 1968
   Cal and his wife Dodie developed a new ski area.
- Gorgoza, the ski area they developed, was at the summit of Parley's Canyon and was billed as an "allpurpose winter resort" that featured day and night skiing, ice skating, toboggan chutes and a tubing hill. The McPhies operated Gorgoza from 1968-1972.
- Cal and Dodie are charter members of the University of Utah Ski Archives advisory board.





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#### Marvin A. "Marv" Melville

- First Place, 1952 Knudsen Cup giant slalom.
- Competed in the Junior National Championships in 1952 and 1953 and other national senior competitions, including the U.S. National Championships, Roche Cup, and the Harriman Cup.



- Won the Snow Cup in 1955.
- · Named an NCAA All-American while skiing for the University of Utah.
- Member of the 1956 U.S. Olympic Team.
- Competed in the FIS World Championships in Badgastein, Austrian in 1958.
- · Won the NCAA downhill and slalom and finished fourth and fifth in the U.S. National Championships in 1959.
- Competed in the 1960 U.S. Olympics, finishing 22nd in the downhill.
- Established the Alpine Training School (ATS).
- Coached the University of Utah Ski Team from 1963 to 1966.
- Inducted into the U of U Crimson Club Hall of Fame in 1992 and recognized by the U of U J. Willard Marriott Library's Ski Archives in 2005 as a History-Maker.

#### Richard "Dick" Movitz

- Won the U.S. Slalom Championships and the National Collegiate Slalom Championships in 1946.
- National collegiate slalom champion in 1947.
- · Placed third in slalom and combined in the U.S. Ski Championships.
- Second in the 1948 Harriman Cup, in the combined North American Ski Championships, and the U.S. National Ski Championships.
- Member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Team which competed in St. Moritz, Switzerland.
- the 1950 FIS championships.
- Served as chairman of the U.S. Ski Association's International Competitions Committee.
- In 1960, served as official at the 1960 Olympic Winter Games in Squaw Valley.
- Inducted into the U.S. Ski Association Hall of Fame in 1970 and the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 1975.

#### Jack N. Reddish

- · Finished seventh in the slalom events at the 1948 Winter Olympic Games in St.
- Member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic team.
- · National Ski Association National Downhill and Combined champion, 1948.
- Harriman Cup Champion, 1948.
- National Ski Association Slalom and Combined champion in 1950 and 1952.
- Won the Snow Cup at the age of fourteen.
- Intermountain Slalom champion and the Intermountain Class "C" champion jumper from 1940-45.
- Youngest competitor to jump at Ecker Hill where he won the National Ski Association Class "B" title in 1942.
- · Awarded the Bradley Plate four-way title and finished first in the U.S. Olympic downhill tryouts in 1947.
- Inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, Michigan in 1969 and the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 1973; honored by the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Ski Archives in 1992 as a "Legend of Skiing Competition" along with Olympic teammates Suzy Harris Rytting, Dick Movitz, and Dev Jennings.

- Young Folks Society, the first ski club in the Intermountain Region, and also organized the first ski jumping tournament held in the area.
- · Promoted world-class jumping competitions in the 1920s and 1930s that attracted more than 10,000 spectators to Ecker Hill.
- Slalom and giant slalom specialist for the U.S. Ski Team in Helped organize the Intermountain Ski Association and served as its historian.
  - Vice President and then honorary director for life of the National Ski Association of America.
  - U.S. Olympic Committee member, 1932 and 1952.
  - Served as the U.S. representative at World Ski Congress in Stockholm, Sweden in 1931, 1952, 1954 and 1962.
  - Inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1959.











## INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME



Barbara Yamada with Bill & Jean Martin



Chris Waddell with Heidi & Tim Brennwald



Patrick Reddish and Jim Gaddis



Clark Parkinson, Doug Bledsoe and John & Shirley Durbam



Jack Reddish clan



David Pickett presents Mark Strand's award to Mike Korologos



## **U.S. National Ski Hall Of Fame Board Members Meet At The Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center**

On Friday, September 22, 2006, a day following the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame induction ceremony, members of the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum board of directors held their fall meeting on the top floor of the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center facility. Members in attendance included Tom West (President and CEO), David Holli (Chairman), Tom Anderson, Phil Camp, Alan Engen, Brian Fairbank, Richard Goetzman, John Linstrom, Rudy Maki, and Bernie Weichsel. Following the meeting, Chairman Holli thanked those involved in hosting the board meeting and expressed his highly complementary views of both the Alf Engen Ski Museum and the 2002 Winter Olympic Museum contained in the Quinney Center.



U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame board meets at the Quinney Center

## Web Site Update

The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of our ski museum store at www.skimuseumstore.com. While we working to make available all sorts of great products and gift items, visit our new store today to see:

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### **2006 Ski Affair:** An Historic Event - by Mike Korologos



History-Maker Award Winners 2006

One might say the 2006 Ski Affair had historic significance. And rightly so.

That's because the Nov. 2 gathering of some 550 ski- and nostalgia-bent enthusiasts honored nine of the Intermountain Region's history-making elite ski/snowboard/mono ski/sit-ski athletes and a ski resort developer who has made an indelible impression on Utah's winter sports landscape.

Receiving the coveted History-Maker Awards were: Lacey Heward, Boise, ID; Monte Meier, Nathan Roberts, Stephani Victor, Erik Scholpy, Julia Mancuso, Ted Ligety, all of Park City, UT; Clay Fox, Gillette, WY; and Steve Cook, Salt Lake City, UT. They emblazoned their names on the history books by winning medals on the



Steve Cook

recent World Cup circuit and at the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games of 2006.

Recognized for his extraordinary contributions to skiing in the region was Edgar Stern, founder of Deer Valley Resort, Park City. He was presented with the S.J. Quinney Award.

Pat Miller, former long-time ski team coach at the University of Utah and member of the Ski Archives volunteer advisory board, received the Sue Raemer Award. It is presented annually to the individual who exemplifies the untiring volunteer spirit of the late Sue Raemer, co-founder of the Ski Archives.

One-time United States Olympic Team member Suzy Harris Rytting and her husband Bill served as Honorary Chairs for the Ski Affair. Barbara Yamada, a member of the board of directors for the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation, chairs the 24-member Ski Affair volunteer advisory board.



Stephani Victor

Rossignol, Alta Ski

Area and Little American Hotel were the major sponsors of the 2006 Ski Affair that included a reception, silent auction, dinner and nostalgic video presentation. Salt Lake City television news reporter Larry Warren was the master of ceremonies.

The annual gathering is the largest fund-raising event for the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library's Ski Archives, which was begun in 1989 to locate, preserve, catalogue and make available to the public the ski history of the region.

The Ski Archives is closely aligned with the Joe Quinney Winter



Monte Meier

Sports Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum and annually selects members to be inducted into the Will and Jean Pickett Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame that is housed at the museum.

The Ski Archives ranks among the nation's largest ski records repositories. Its files include more than 100,000 images (20,000 digitized and online), 250 manuscript collections, 250 oral history interviews, and the records of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002.

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## **Education Program Update**

## **Education Program** - by Barbara Engen

"The great difficulty in education is to get experience out of ideas." George Santayana, the author of this quote, would definitely appreciate the Alf Engen Ski Museum's field-trip program! Since the program's inception in late 2002, over 5,000 students have experienced the ways in which our Utah weather is affected by the water cycle. They have seen the effects of advancing technology and have learned that there's a human story behind every historical event. And, our reputation for providing a great educational experience to kids is spreading! Judging from the number reservations being made by first-time, as well as repeat teacher visitors, the 2006-07 school year will be the busiest yet. Our goal is to have every visitor leave the museum feeling like one fourth-grade teacher who wrote, "This is the best field trip ever...well organized, great curriculum, helpful docents."

Community outreach is an important component of the education committee, and we have recently expanded our efforts in this area. During this past summer, a coalition of winter sports groups including Ski Utah, Utah Winter Games, Youth Sports Alliance, Utah Olympic Park, and the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation met to devise ways in which to support each other's efforts and distribute information about each group's programs. Thanks to the management of Utah Olympic Park, we are able to give three free admission passes and zip-line rides to each student and teacher participating in the field-trip

program. This has introduced many Utah residents to the park and the museum. Our new website provides a wonderful overview of the field-trip experience and allows teachers to make on-line field-trip reservations.

Connie Nelson and our dedicated docents are the greatest ambassadors for our program. Teachers rave about our docents and the way they make their students feel "special and respected." This gives our program a wonderful reputation in the community. We recently welcomed a dynamic lady, Trish Walker, to our docent ranks and invite those of you who enjoy history, skiing, and/or working with kids to join this fun, congenial group of volunteers.

Our continuing thanks to our generous sponsors, Summit County RAP Tax and Marriner S. Eccles Foundation who both made and continue to help make our education program available at no cost to Utah schools. Because of their generosity, thousands of students, many from Title I schools, have visited Utah Olympic Park for the first time to experience a part of their cultural heritage.

We are very proud of our education program and the far-reaching benefits it provides to the community. As committee chair, I am extremely appreciative to all who have worked so hard and given so much to make this possible.



Docents, Henry Whyte, Charlotte Pratt, David & Susan Vandehei and Herb Lloyd, enjoying our end of year party at Ruth's Diner.



Alan Engen, Dick & Martha Kleffman, Brian Stout & Bill Rytting



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